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Cover Photo

October 24 was a big birthday, and if anyone had thought to bake a cake, eight candles would have been enough. The occasion: the eighth birthday of the United Nations. The U. N. had no official cake, but it did have a kind of party at its home in New York with about 4000 guests attending.

The crowd watches as Madame V. L. Pandit of India, president of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold walk along a ramp of the General Assembly building to begin the outdoor ceremonies held on United Nations Day at U. N. headquarters. A boy scout honor guard held flags of the U. N. member nations, and official representatives of the 60 nations were on hand for the festivities.

A quote worth remembering, from Ambassador James J. Wadsworth, deputy United States representative to the U. N.: "The United Nations is eight years old. It is far from being the complete answer to world peace. But it does give us for the first time, a method of tackling worldwide problems on a worldwide scale with wide international cooperation."

Forum

OPERATION TALENTS

Sirs:

Seeing your story on "Operation Talents," I write to tell you what has been accomplished in First Methodist Church of Berkley, Michigan.

On April 19 our pastor Rev. A. T. F. Butt and assistant pastor Rev. Charles Dobberton presented a film on talents in place of a sermon at the two morning services. They gave out $1375 of Christ's money and emphasized the Parable of the Talents set forth in Matthew 25.

The "Ingathering of the Talents" was October 11, when $6800 was returned to the Lord. Now the sum is over $7000 and is still climbing. One man collected 21 tons of waste paper which he sold for $210. Another man from Omaha was present that April day and took $5 like the rest of us. He returned $25, and he had never set foot in our church before. All this prov what people can do if you put yo faith in them.

Mano R. Hardies, Mic
President of the MYF
First church, Berkley

POWER AND PRAYER

Sirs:

We had a meeting of our MYF lab ed "An Experiment With Prayer." V had a brief presentation followed discussion. Then in silence we lined and were led about the church, dividuals being "dropped off" here a there at prayer stations. At each st tion was an R. S. V. Bible, a copy the poem "Here is a Quiet Room," copy of POWER, and a lighted cand No other light. After about 20 minut the leader took his candle and Pow and retraced his steps bringing t group back. We had a closing mome of worship together, standing in circle with the lighted candles we h brought back. Since each person h also brought his copy of POWER he h to take it home. It all worked out ve smoothly and effectively.

Charles S. Loney, Mich
Minister of Education
First church, Jackson

KIND WORDS DEPT.

Sirs:

It is always a pleasure to recei CONCERN. Being without just one iss proved to me how very much I depe upon it for keeping up with Methodis and the world. I think it is a gra publication—almost as good as if were published in Texas!

B. J. Stiles, Tex

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NEWS

ther film is
x office success

When the film *Martin Luther* opened the 50th Street Guild theater in v York City September 9, Radio y guards had to be called out to p the crowds in line.

Early this month crowds were still ng up in New York to see the ure, which now has settled down at theater for an indefinite run, and probably break attendance records. Chicago and Boston *Martin Luther* ooked for an indefinite run, and lmost every city where it has play- so far the picture has been held r its original engagement.

n October *Martin Luther* was num- seven in the list of films grossing most money, according to the trade er *Variety*. (Heading the list of money making pictures is *The e*, which played in only 59 theaters ough October but had taken in a l of $6,500,000.)

ntil now *Martin Luther* has been vn in only 100 cities, but in No- ber it is booked for 300 cities. In ost every engagement long waiting s have formed for the picture, and ics have been unanimous in praise. spokesman for the producers point- out last week that U. S. church ple have helped make the picture a ess by distributing circulars about film and spreading word that the shouldn't be missed.

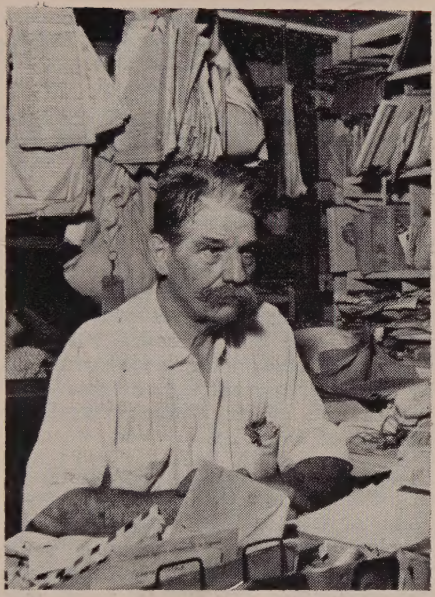
ilmed on location in West Germany *rtin Luther* was made also in a man version which will have its mier in Europe within the next few ths.

strated RSV
e in January

n illustrated edition of the Re- d Standard Version of the Bible be off the press the first of the .

esigned specifically for children and h in church school classes, the new on will have the identical text of nillustrated Revised Bible, but will e 24 four-color illustrations and six- maps. Bound in black simulated ner, the illustrated Bible will be iderably smaller than the original on, measuring five-and-one-half inches by seven-and-one-half inches. The Bible will be printed in smaller type, and the purchase price will be less than the original edition.

The publisher expects a heavy demand for the new edition, and probably will sell 1,500,000 copies during the first year it is available. The original edition, now out 14 months, is still breaking all sales records.



Dr. Albert Schweitzer, world famous medical missionary, has just been named winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace prize, previously unawarded. Schweitzer has announced that the $33,200 prize money will be used to enlarge his mission hospital at Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa. Here Schweitzer sits at his desk in his Lambarene office. The award was for his humanitarian work in the African jungles and the application of his philosophy of respect for life. (The 1953 Nobel Peace prize was awarded at the same time to General George C. Marshall for his work in creating the Marshall Plan for economic and non-military relief of war devastated areas.)

Churchmen study U.S. foreign policy

Delegates from 30 denominations attending a national conference on the churches and world order last month declared themselves opposed to any U. S. constitutional amendment which would limit the power of the federal government to negotiate treaties and make executive agreements with other nations.

Meeting in Cleveland, O., October 27-30, the 400 delegates in another resolution asserted that the United States "has a continuing responsibility to see that its surpluses of food are used at home and abroad." This was the fourth study conference sponsored by the department of international justice and goodwill of the National Council of Churches.

In other resolutions the delegates urged long-range U. S. and U. N. technical assistance programs to underdeveloped nations, "free from subordination to U. S. military and strategic requirements"; revision of U. S. immigration laws to eliminate "arbitrary, unrealistic and indirectly discrimminatory" provisions; international negotiation by the U. S. as the best method of settling international disputes; endorsement by church people of the proposed special U. N. fund for economic development and U. S. contributions to this fund "in no way" dependent on contingent disarmament.

The conference asked racial integration in U. S. housing, churches, employment and public service, to achieve "the minimum requirements of ou democratic heritage."

The message of the conference, ful texts of resolutions, and the findings o four study sections will appear in a 48-page pamphlet, "The Christia Faith and International Responsibil ity." It will be ready December 1 and may be ordered for 30 cents a copy from the Department of Inter national Justice and Goodwill, 29 Fourth Ave., New York 10.

WSCS memorial helps MYF nurse

For 52 years Miss Minnie Ferguso of Cuero, Tex., devoted her life t nursing. After her death, in tribute t her life of service, the Woman's So ciety of Christian Service of the Cuer Methodist Church established the Mi nie Ferguson Nursing Fund, hoping t help some Methodist girl in trainin for the nursing profession.

Last month the first scholarshi award from this fund was made. A active MYFer and outstanding stude nurse at the Methodist hospital i Houston, Marilyn Ethel Davenpor was given a scholarship of $175.

Marilyn Davenport wanted to be a nurse long before she entered trainin "It seems that all my life, there ha been a deep desire to serve peop who were sick. When I finished hig school, the need for nurses was s great that no other thought entered m mind, other than to help fulfill tha need. I consider helping people who a sick or wounded a wonderful privileg in serving God and his cause."

Every year Methodist schools o nursing need 2500 new students.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower examine some of the Bibles and New Testaments in 78 languages given to them at a White House ceremony by Daniel Burke of New York, president of the American Bible Society. Languages range from a (Afrikaans) to Z (Zulu). Now every White House guest can read the Bible in his own tongue.

Korea's 'Black December'

To one who lived in Korea at the e of 1950 can ever forget that ter- e "Black December." Millions of Koreans were fleeing th to escape the invading Chinese nies. From North Korea they plod- through snow and over frozen ds and streams. From Seoul they l until that city which once boasted opulation of over a million was uced to less than 100,000 inhabit- s. Every freight train moving thward was literally covered with nan cargo, clinging to the tops of s and even to the locomotive itself. se who found no train to board ered the necessary 100 to 300 miles foot. Thousands perished along the y. Fear was in every heart—fear n of several years of experience h Communist masters.

outh Korea, with an area less than t of the state of Ohio, soon had a ulation three times that of Ohio! ne 20,000,000 people in an area of 00 square miles meant an average over 500 persons per square mile. d that in a land where less than acre in three can be farmed!

usan, the port city at the end of railroad, soon jumped in population n 400,000 to over 1,200,000. After ee years one still finds the hill- s covered with all types of refugee cks and huts and shanties, made of rds, straw bags, cardboard, and tin s according to the ability and re- rcefulness of the owner. A 6x9 rug ld be far too large to cover the r of most of these little buildings ch whole families call home. They crowded together like cars on an erican parking lot. Cooking must be e outside over a handful of char- l or a few little sticks of wood.

Having seen Pusan, one has seen y one of many refugee centers in th Korea. All in all, of South ea's 20,000,000, more than half e displaced persons for a time at t. The official report of the South ean government at one time listed 10,406,000 people as destitute by reason of invasion. Many of them still can't go back because their home town is in Communist hands. Others fear still further invasion and prefer to remain where they are. Some have gone back to find their entire village in ruins. They have set up temporary shelters amidst the ashes and memories of better days.

Not a family but bears the loss of loved ones. At Taejon, one is shown a common grave where more than 1,500 of the leading citizens of that country are buried. Their bodies were so badly mutilated by the Communists that only 150 could be identified out of more than 1,700 killed. In all, at least 80,000 of South Korea's leaders —its doctors, lawyers, teachers, mayors and other government officials—were slaughtered or taken away as captives, and their families left destitute. The widows and the fatherless are numbered in the hundreds of thousands.

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Thousands of these Christians would have perished if it had not been for the kindly hand of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Thousands still need help to get some semblance of self-support once more.

Ministers, teachers and Bible women, working among these destitute people, find they cannot expect a living wage from the people themselves. If they are to continue to work among them they must have some outside help to supplement their salaries. Relief clothing from America helps to cloth their families. Powdered milk and "multi-purpose food" help to supplement their diets. These workers must be kept strong physically. Too many have already succumbed to disease. MCOR has been helping them. It must continue to help them as they minister to Korea's helpless victims of the communist invasion.

—CHARLES A. SAUER

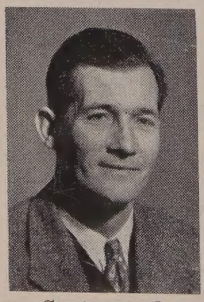
Methodist missionary, Pusan, Korea

Across the sea

Strange work camp

The carabao plodded slowly up. A young farmer slid off the side and went back to help to his feet a young Moro man, wrapped in a brilliant-hued bloth, who was lying on a bamboo sled at the back. The young Moro, twisting in agony, limped into the medical clinic and crawled up on the crude wooden plank that served as an examining table. He had a huge carbuncle on the right groin. It was an angry, bloody red, and needed to be opened immediately. As the doctor's hand reached for the scalpel, the Moro's eyes widened with fear. A quick thrust, and the pus poured out, nearly a cupful. The Moro's face was now ashen, and beads of perspiration ran down his forehead. But an hour later he was back on the carabao sled, to begin his slow, bumpy ride back home. This young Mohammedan, sworn enemy of the Christians, had been treated by Christian doctors and nurses, with loving care, and given the best of medicines. The first patient of our Mindanao (Philippine Islands) work camp had been treated.

The work camp had 26 young people and leaders on this southernmost island of the Philippines, just a few hundred miles from the Equator. The grass-roofed building we lived in was only 30 by 40 feet. In its four rooms were a medical clinic, a dental clinic, a complete audio visual outfit. Toss in 50 or 60 boxes of medical supplies, personal baggage, books, agricultural supplies, and foodstuffs, and you can imagine the house was already full. Add 26 people, and a like number of mosquito nets strung up across the floor, and the house literally bulged. Add 25 to 30 waiting patients, screaming babies, and curious onlookers, and you have the atmosphere in which we lived, ate, worked, and slept. This was our work camp set-up.



Spottswood

Well Is First Project

First work project was digging a deep pump well for the elementary school—a vital need in the community because dysentery kills more people here, caused by open and impure wells.

Another work project was helping the local Methodist congregation move and re-build its church in a more strategic location, next to the public market. Hauling lumber, pounding nails to put on a roof—the boys worked side by side with men of the community in building the church. Girls of our work camp family hauled gravel and made a walk in front of the church, cut weeds in the church yard and planted shrubs and flowers.

"How many people will be interested in our teacher training institute?" wondered two of our finest teachers from the Cagayan Valley, as they walked over to the elementary classroom. Imagine their thrill when 22 people—both adults and young people—enrolled that first morning. This was truly an interdenominational project, for there were representatives from every church in town—Methodist, UCP, Pilgrim Holiness, and Roman Catholic.

Teachers Learn and Practice

They studied the purpose of Christian teaching, principles of learning, methods of teaching, and child development. For their laboratory experience the teachers practiced their songs, story-telling techniques and teaching methods in a morning vacation church school. This teacher training was so successful that we were requested to hold the same program in Banawa, a neighboring village. Here ten more young people volunteered for Christian teaching and leadership in the church school.

Hundreds of people were shoving and pushing their way into the schools

lding as our agricultural mission-
, Don Reeves, set up a movie pro-
tor. First, he showed a Walt Disney
lth film, "Water, Friend or En-
y," then a picture on rural coopera-
es, and another community insti-
e was under way. We held these
-day institutes in three villages
h a total attendance of 2,000 farm-
wives and spectators. In one room
n demonstrated methods of innocu-
ng pigs and chickens against dis-
es. In another room Dr. Lorie Cri-
go held a big audience spellbound
he lectured and demonstrated on
t aid measures. Outside a nurse
e illustrated lectures on prenatal,
tnatal and infant care. Classes in
ne nursing, rat control and fertilizer
nded out the institutes. In them we
d to help people to know how to
p themselves.

Their Evangelism Works

I never dreamed I could do that!"
ty Ngo, a student nurse from Mary
nston Hospital in Manila, told after
first afternoon's experience in vis-
ion evangelism. With other work
npers and local church members, she
nt out with a small team to make
its in the name of Christ. The first
man they visited wept tears of joy
ause someone had helped her feel
in the experience she used to have,
ore she drifted away from the
rch.

We all went to the work camp with
idea of helping others—of really
ing to meet the needs of people in
s little community in the interior
Mindanao. And yet—the wonderful
ng was that we helped ourselves
n more than we helped others. As
lived together, ate together, worked
ether, prayed together, we developed
ellowship that truly came from God.
felt his presence in our midst. Our
tto was "Unless God direct the work
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And it was thrilling to learn that
l can direct our actions, guide our
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ne to him each day, each hour, in
yer. He has a plan for our lives.
can work out his purposes through
if we are willing to *go* where he
nts us to go, *do* what he wants us to
and try to *be* what he wants us
e. —C. L. SPOTTSWOOD, JR.

trict missionary, Philippine Islands

Methodists meet in education conference

"This was the best one since the last one," somebody said, and others believed it was the best one, period.

They were talking about the Methodist Conference on Christian Education, held every two years for the professional workers in education throughout the church. The 1953 conference met November 11-15 in Cincinnati with 600 people attending.

Big thing about the meeting is that Methodist workers have a real opportunity to talk shop. In every spare moment delegates were sitting over coffee or lounging in comfortable chairs for the one purpose of getting to know the whys and hows of Christian education.

The conference is one meeting, yet three in one: a general educational conference, a series of conferences of special groups (commissions of children's workers, youth workers, adult workers, directors of Christian education, professors of religion, and executives and presidents of conference boards of education); and a meeting to present the plans of the General Board of Education.

Two things would happen if people, young and old, understood and participated in Christian education programs, Dr. John Q. Schisler told delegates. "They would not be subject to the fears and hysteria whipping through the nation" and "they would be safeguarded against juvenile delinquency."

Other features of the meeting in Cincinnati included:—

- A stirring address by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in which he warned delegates against "creeping statism."
- A lengthy presentation of the quadrennial Youth Emphasis, planned to interpret the program and to inspire conferees to put it into effect in the years ahead.
- Experimentation by the conference itself on many techniques of group work and procedures.

Most of all, the conference meant fellowship and personal give and take among people involved in the same big job: teaching America what it means to be Christian.

Big bad bishop and the strawberry blonde

We don't know whether Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam has the same admiration for the talents of Miss Lucille Ball which wells up within us whenever she appears on TV. (She's even better in technicolor movies.) If so, his enthusiasm may be somewhat tempered by reflecting on the differing treatment accorded a Hollywood star and a bishop when that scourge of subversives, the Honorable Donald L. Jackson of Santa Monica, California, gets on the trail. Our readers are familiar with the way in which Congressman Jackson treated the bishop. He provoked the greatest demonstration of applause given by the House of Representatives during its recent session by excoriating the bishop as a man who "served God on Sunday and the Communist front for the rest of the week." When the bishop demolished the "evidence" on which this shameful accusation was based and demanded an apology from Mr. Jackson, none was forthcoming. Slander, so long as it had been committed under the protection of congressional immunity and against a bishop of a Christian church, mattered nothing to him. But Mr. Jackson, in prosecuting the work of the House Committee on un-American Activities, has recently been operating on his home grounds. There it came out that Miss Ball, America's top television sweetheart, had actually signed as a Communist voter in 1936 (there were photostats); that her whole family had registered as Communists; that she had been named for a time as a member of the California state central committee of the Communist party; and that she signed a sponsoring certificate for a Communist candidate for the California legislature. She did not deny these charges; she simply explained that she had done so "because grandpa wanted us to." Here was an admitted instance of Communist affiliation—quite a contrast to the unsubstantiated innuendos in the case of Bishop Oxnam. How did Mr. Jackson proceed? Instantly he assured the press that Miss Ball had meant nothing by her action and that so far as the un-American Activities Committee was concerned she was entirely in the clear! Would his treatment of Bishop Oxnam's request for an apology have been different if (1) the bishop had an $8 million contract from a television network, (2) was one of Hollywood's most valuable properties, (3) lived in Southern California, and (4) the better part of the nation was taking the evening off once a week to cry "I Love Bromley!"

—The Christian Century

VIEWS

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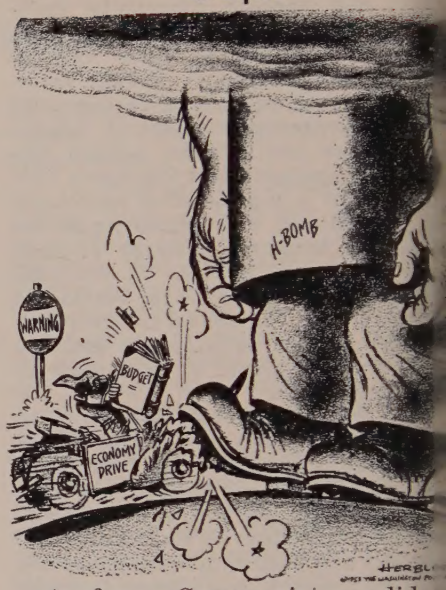

hinking out the news

At the crossroads

A significant crossroads in Amer-'s life as a nation is at hand. On nday, December 7 the Supreme urt will hear re-argument of five blic school segregation cases.

For the first time, the Court has s question to consider: was the 14th endment meant to abolish segrega-n in the schools?

n postponing re-argument on these es from October 12 until this time, Court asked the government and National Association for the Ad-ncement of Colored People to answer eral questions.

One of the questions was this: did Congress which submitted the 14th endment, and the state legislatures ich ratified it, expect or understand would abolish school segregation?

Another question relates to the Court's power to establish school segregation. Three other questions deal with the kind of ree the court should issue if it ides segregation in public schools is trary to the 14th amendment.

According to the *Afro-American*, urgood Marshall, NAACP chief al counsel, must be prepared to pre-t a plan under which public schools be integrated, "with emphasis on ease with which integration has n accomplished in those states where regation has been ended."

f America is to assert convincing ral leadership in the United Na-ns and the world (as contrasted with wer-wealth "leadership"), it must free of segregation — a practice ying that democracy is meant for peoples; denying that this nation s a real basic belief in the rights man.

On the other hand, the Supreme urt in making this decision is xious to avoid "opportunism" (see hinking Out the News," November . It is anxious, as the questions lined above indicate, to act not as a legislative body but as a detached and objective body interpreting American law and legal tradition.

If there is a clear-cut decision against segregation, a new wave of hope and faith will sweep through the vast majority of world's peoples (they are, you know, mainly "colored"). If the decision fails to rule segregation unconstitutional, there is no point in blaming the Supreme Court. The question will be placed squarely on the shoulders of American voters and legislators.

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

Concern Feature

Source of concern

Alive--keep away!

Have you ever felt *discovered* by some new idea? —As if it had been tracking you down the lanes of your cogitations or rationalizations or peregrinations. And then of a sudden, you were ready to look that way — and there it was! As if calling you by name.

We humans don't manufacture truth.

Miss Bowman

We discover it. Rather, are discovered by it. And we uncover our heads. We do not bend or enslave or dictate to truth. We "meek" ourselves before it, get "poor in spirit" enough to receive, become "found" by it. Like light energy piercing darkness actively, truth beams it way . . . we respond Truth is *there* . . . and man's grasp upon little fringes of it through the centuries has been as he removed barriers (as of ignorance, fogginess of thinking, resistance to the new). We do not so much hold great ideas; they hold

us. We do so much to lift our faith beyond reason; it lifts us.

In Lincoln Barnett's THE UNIVERSE AND DR. EINSTEIN, something of the astonishing reachings of one man's brain move us to cry out in awe. Einstein's mind came to the truth-seeking as a carefully-prepared instrument. Resiliency, muscle-tone, responsiveness. He came with that rare quality of childlike spirit—willingness to question even the most accepted equations, to start anew at the roots of questions, and to follow obediently where truth-light seemed to lead.

We tend to be too easily satisfied, perhaps, with apprehending a little of the wonders of God's truth . . . through his signatured universe or the Bible or our own interpersonal associations. We clutch old equations, even beyond the time our reason tells us they are *getting in the way* of newer, richer, vaster discoverings. We are afraid to "let go . . . let God." Some people are afraid to pray with *minds* as well as hearts . . . to *think* with God in meditation, as well as love and ask and obey. Thus there is little "lead-on", little exhiliration of adventuring, growing. The Spirit of the Living God that we sing glibly about, comes at times in devastating, self-annihilating, changing-of-past-patterns *power*.

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Some visitors were to see a great cyclotron in a physics department of a university; here were vast concentrations of electrical power. They were asked to leave watches outside. At the edge of the instrument was a sign, "Alive! Keep away!" Anyone who knows what it means to come into the presence of God (through seeking His truth mentally or through prayer, which may be two aspects of the same quest) knows how this warning applies. If we value old securities, old attitudes, old ways of thinking and acting . . . "keep away." There's no concealing "Search me, Oh God and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts." As one said to Huvelins' question, "How do you feel yourself, not that God has entered into your thought and life?"—the answer was, "very small, very low."—Yet, "*powered!*"

The French composer Widor was baffled by Bach's chorales until Albert Schweitzer explained. Said Widor, "I made the acquaintance of a Bach of whose existence I had previously had only the dimmest suspicion." In McIver, R. M.: MOMENTS OF PERSONAL DISCOVERY, an astronomer tells of the unfolding of awareness of man's place in a *universe*. A psychiatrist marvels at what he finds in human personality. A musician describes the effect upon himself of hearing Vachel Lindsay read his poem on Bryan. Fosdick tells of the difference it made in a life to discern that there really is a God. Rabbi Kaplan tells how it feels to be a Jew in a non-Jewish world.

The anguish of suffering humanity discovers us. Vincent de Paul, Nightingale, Addams — any who have responded, and first to be searched out by suffering. Debs became gripped by the insight that so long as any one in prison, he himself could not be free. The Bible questions us, draws aside curtains we cloak around our personal and group and national practices — *uncovers* us. "Sin is a reproach to *any* people," it says impartially. And as we read our Bibles these days, on journey to great conferences, or participate in our Sunday school classes or evening meetings, it is as if (as Paul Minear puts it in EYES OF FAITH) "in the theater, where I am hugely enjoying an esthetic view of life, God interrupts the show with a stentorian announcement: "Is John Smith in the house?' And I am John Smith, and the interruption continues: 'Report immediately . . . for a task intended for you alone!' "

—BY CLARICE BOWMAN

WATCHNIGHT!

Plan now for the traditional MYF observance on December 31.

Order extra copies of the Watchnight issue of CONCERN for 5 cents a copy from CONCERN, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Order copies of The Worship Service at 2 cents each from TIDINGS, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

'They are tops'

ast evening at a Wesley Founda- on the campus of one of our large versities I ran across three former ıvaners . . . what a "gab session" had. One had been to Hawaii and told thrilling stories of the work which had been done. Another had served in Kansas and ared, "Gee, it was the greatest ex- ence I have ever had. I wouldn't anything for it. I want to go in." One of the girls was a two- caravaner, having served in Wis- sin and in Cuba. She was bubbling with enthusiasm for the exper- es which she had in her work. erever we go we find enthusiastic ıvaners who feel that the most im- cant summer of their lives was the mer they went caravaning!

Methodist Youth Caravan is a up of Methodist youth with a con- to share their Christian faith and owship. Four youth and an adult nselor make up the caravan team. youth are selected from young ple who have had two years of col- or have had extensive experience the work of the Methodist Youth lowship.

Following a period of ten days in aravan Training Center they spend following six weeks visiting in six rches, working with the youth coun- helping the youth to find more ective patterns of work, sharing in k projects, and visiting in the es of the youth of the community. he caravaners do not go to the rches as "experts" in youth work but rather as persons who have a viction about the value of the istian fellowship and with a faith hare with others.

oung people who would like to e on a caravan may secure an ap- ation blank from Harvey C. Brown, artment of College and University Religious Life, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

The caravan movement seeks to have caravans serve in churches where they can help to strengthen the work which is being done among the young people.

Ewing

As part of the Youth Emphasis they may work together with the youth leaders and adult workers with youth to lift the level of the work being done. Churches where there is need for a new vision of the possibilities of the MYF, need for finding new enthusiasm and new ways of working in the program of Christian education, are the ones which are selected by the conference board of education to be included on the caravan itinerary. If your MYF needs the help of a caravan, contact your conference director of youth work.

This summer 200 volunteers will work in the caravan movement. Moving out of the four training centers which are being planned in Pennsylvania, Utah, Oklahoma, and Tennessee, they will serve in many parts of the United States and Cuba.

The interesting thing about caravaning is that those who volunteer to serve on a caravan most frequently find that they get far more out of caravaning than they receive.

The telephone just rang. It was a director of Christian education in Germantown, Pennsylvania. She was a caravaner a few years ago. This is her word over long distance: "If you took a survey of the directors of Christian education in the church you would find that most of them were caravaners. Caravans are tops!"

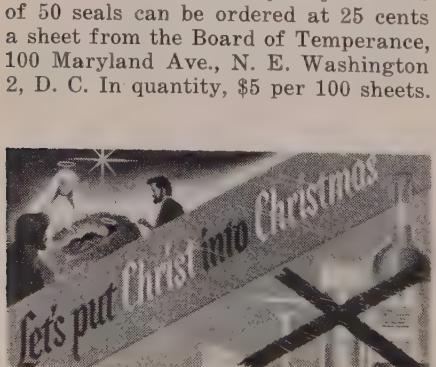
—BY HAROLD W. EWING

Commitment Day comes next month

Methodism's annual Commitment Day is set for December 6 and this year is themed, "That They May Live."

Special materials prepared by the Board of Temperance include a three-color poster (above), commitment cards and enrollment chart, and a folder on the church's work in alcohol education. Materials are free from the Service Department, 815 Demonbreun St., Nashville 2, Tenn.

As part of its program to "Make Christmas More Christian," the Methodist Board of Temperance has issued a new Christmas seal to say that beverage alcohol has no place in the Christmas observance. The seal (illustrated below) is printed in red and black and can be used in many ways. Sheets of 50 seals can be ordered at 25 cents a sheet from the Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E. Washington 2, D. C. In quantity, $5 per 100 sheets.



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Minority youth see better job futures

Wider horizons are opening up fo minority youth seeking jobs, but care ful vocational guidance is essential t help them prepare for their opportun ities.

Ann Tanneyhill, vocational directo of the National Urban League, so a praises the picture of job placemen for members of minority groups i *From School to Job*, a new pamphl just off the press of the Public Affai Committee.

"Stereotyped thinking about the abi ity of Negroes has worked the greate havoc on youth," she writes. "Neg young people were prevented from ge ting needed training for occupation because it was a known fact that jo would be denied them." Gradually ho ever (chiefly since World War II Negroes and members of other mino ity groups have found employment i areas previously closed to them. Fa employment practice legislation ha helped, as well as the increased effor of organizations willing to get in action "to make democracy work."

The pamphlet has a very helpf section of suggestions for communit action to build year-round progra of vocational guidance for youth.

From School to Job may be ordere for 25 cents from Public Affairs Cor mittee, 22 East 38th St., New Yor 16.

Vocation materials will cost this year

The 1954 Methodist Service Projec booklet, due off the press January will no longer be a free item, accordi to Richard Belcher of the Interboa Committee on Christian Vocations, pu lisher of the booklet. This year it w cost 10 cents a copy, or $8 per 1 copies. The vocations packet, forme free, now costs 15 cents. These ite should be ordered from the Interboa Committee on Christian Vocations, O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. Alwa send cash or check with the order.

Books of Concern

Reversing History

you enjoy curling in a comfy r with a book of excitment and ad- ure, you should look at a new book it buried treasure, kidnapping, In- s, outlaws and three fellows on a ch for the big money. Setting for y is around the eerie bayous and ent Indian burial grounds around on Rouge, La.

eversing History is the book, just ished by Exposition Press in New k. Author is the late Rev. Charles McLean, for 27 years a Methodist ster in Louisiana. The book is illu- ted by Jimmy McLean, the author's and staff artist for CONCERN.

rice is $2.50, and copies may be red from the Methodist Publishing se or from Mrs. C. E. McLean, 104 rin Ave., Ruston, La.

ess Agents of the Pentagon

new 60-page booklet is sure to your eyes to the way that mili- press agents are influencing erican life. It is *Press Agents of Pentagon*, a study of the publicity nods of the department of defense. napters consider the growth, ex- and purpose of military publicity, in a fascinating and thorough way, techniques of military publicity. case study is UMT and the prop- nda based on it.

uthor John Swomley, Jr. is specific, iled and thorough in his analysis he problem. Some 142 footnotes ment material. Order copies at 35 s each or four for $1 from the ional Council against Conscription, 18th St., N. W., Washington 6, C.

Citizenship

he booklet is written for elemen- and junior high students, but *zenship for Boys and Girls* will be ful and interesting for all MYF enship chairmen. Purpose of the let is to develop in its readers an erstanding of the many sided as- s of good citizenship. The series questions for discussion and self- ing will be good to try on senior Fers. Order copies at 40 cents each n Science Research Associates, 57 t Grand Ave., Chicago 10.

Friends of CONCERN

It has been a long, long time since we ran a list of Friends, and we may have slipped on a name or two. Forgive us. Here are some of the folks whose loyal work keeps CONCERN growing. Won't you join them?

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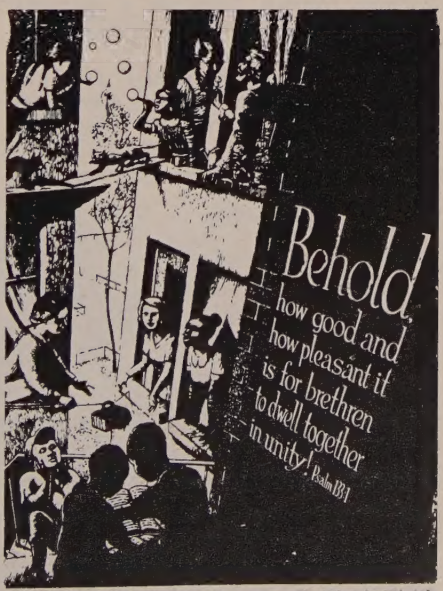

—Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

Texas MYF is busier than bears

Fall may be the time for hibernation of bears, but not for the MYF of Seymour, Texas. That's what they write. Since August, MYF evening attendance has increased over 100 per cent, from 18 to 38 out of an enrollment of 54.

Growth started in August when three adult workers and ten MYF youth leaders met in a council planning retreat. Right off they held an ice cream supper and netted $73, and at their August Christmas party they gave gifts to the Brewster hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

A September visitation campaign, headed by the Christian witness chairman, increased attendance at both morning and evening MYF. They started a quarterly newspaper, and at their pastor's suggestion, sponsored a monthly church-wide family night. They held two rummage sales and earned $98.

Last month MYF members went calling on intermediates and got enough to start an intermediate MYF. They started a monthly project of sponsoring an evening church service with youth participating in leadership. Another outreach project, on halloween, was a scavenger hunt to collect clothes for Korea. The chairman of Christian fellowship carried through a parents' night, part of one Sunday evening fellowship program.

The council meets regularly now, and latest plans are to build a Christmas nativity scene this month, which will be displayed on the church lawn. The MYF also plans a Christmas pageant.

MYF in action

Rhode Island youth to hold Luther rally

The recent half-million dollar fea ture film *Martin Luther* will be key note of an interdenominational yout rally on the day after Thanksgivin Rally sponsor is the Providence-Cran ton youth council, associated with th youth department of the Rhode Islan state council of churches.

After the movie, the group will ea box lunches in a nearby church, the meet in 16 discussion groups on th theme "Our Protestant Heritage fro Martin Luther." Youth will meet t gether to share results of the discu sions, then will close the rally with service of worship.

Young people will come from a Rhode Island and several cities i Massachusetts and Connecticut for th rally.

MYF raises $100 for India

Last spring CONCERN editor Georg Harper told a youth rally in Dall about needs of destitute villages i India, and a theology student in th audience decided to do something abou it. On weekends, Don Barnes is min ister of education at First church i Hugo, Okla., and the following Sunda night he challenged his MYFers t

As sheep come home, Methodist at the youth institute at Mixquieala, Mexico, retreat to the hillside for devotions. During institute they visit local people, help with home chores and tell Bible stories. There are about 5,000 Methodist youth in Mexico.

$100 for mission work in India. outh went over town collecting old nes, then held two rummage sales. coat hanger round-up, the MYF cooperation from newspapers, the radio station, and many people in n. They collected 6000 hangers. At hurch family night supper, youth home-made ice cream and cake, by then had almost enough money each their goal. The intermediate F put the group over the goal a window washing day. In one they cleaned about 300 windows in es over the town.

he Hugo MFY sent $100 to village k in India, and as an extra, sent pounds of clothing to Korea. This a rally speech made something hwhile happen.

der youth active Northwest Texas

he older youth group in the North- Texas conference is facing key es these days, and one of their rest questions is whether the rch is failing its older youth. To uss that very matter, the older h are holding their first mid- er institute January 2-3.

ervicemen and working youth will part in the meeting, as well as ral adults—a chaplain, a business- , an educator, a housewife and astor. Big item of business: what of organization that will best e older youth in the conference. gates will bring their own bedding sleep in the host church. They t pre-register with Bob Etter, Box , Snyder, Texas.

MYF Roundup

◆ Fall MYF kick-off meetings in Nebraska were a great success, according to all reports. Some 1250 youth heard George Harper at meetings in Fremont, Lexington and Alliance, and they gave over $200 to Meals for Millions and Milk for Korea through MCOR. Last month at the annual fall youth conference at Camp Comeca at Cozad youth heard Nebraska Wesleyan chancellor Carl Bracy talk on "Our Faith," and they held program area workshops.

◆ Over 400 senior youth of the Port Huron district attended a rally November 1 at Romeo. They reported on piggy bank collections for Korea, totaling $400, and they brought over a ton of clothing for Korea to the rally. District project this year is shingling the sides of the Port Huron lodge at Lake Huron Methodist camp. They plan to have seven subdistrict missionary rallies the week of January 17.

◆ New England Southern conference held simultaneous district rallies on October 31 as youth emphasis on personal devotional life and witness. Each rally had a featured speaker from outside the conference.

◆ CONCERN editor Jameson Jones spoke to 2700 Pittsburgh conference MYFers in their annual echo service November 8 in Pittsburgh. The group represented eight summer institutes at Jumonville camp, and after the featured address held their reunions.

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